

1. An image processing method for instructing an image output unit to output onto a recording medium a reference image based on a predetermined patch pattern, and generating an image output condition of the image output unit on the basis of read data of the reference image output by the image output unit, wherein

2. A method according to Claim 1, wherein the reference image output by the image output unit is read by a flatbed scanner.

3. A method according to Claim 1, wherein an average of the read data concerning the plural identical patches is obtained.

4. A method according to Claim 1, wherein the number of patches varies according to a color of the patches.

5. A method according to Claim 1, wherein, in the patch pattern, the identical patches are disposed at the different positions in a main-scan direction and a sub-scan direction.



